

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad – Steve Cheney

Applicant's Agent: Arcadis – Doug Anderson

Project Name: Coast Subdivision Mile Post 235.57 Bridge Replacement

Receiving Water: Unnamed tributary to Santa Margarita Creek

City/County: South of Santa Margarita / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: February 24, 2020 – March 16, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace an aging bridge with two culverts underneath the Union Pacific Railroad tracts. The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing the existing 10-foot long timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with a stone abutment with two 52-foot long, 60-inch diameter smooth steel pipes with a concrete headwall and sloped apron on the outlet side;
- Accessing the site via an existing, unpaved access route;
- Replacing the SR-1 roadway embankment with a 360-foot long causeway section;
- Placing temporary fill for a stream crossing to access the northeast staging area;
- Clearing vegetation in staging areas, including several willows;
- Embedding culverts to a depth of 2.5 feet;
- Adding pipe bedding below and around the culverts for stabilization;
- Placing Class I riprap along the stream banks at the inlet and outlet of the new culverts for scour protection; and
- Embedding the existing fiber-optic cables deeper on both sides of the track to avoid impacts of construction.

No mitigation is proposed. Union Pacific Railroad has requested that the Central Coast Water Board be the lead agency to file for CEQA.